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Campus ministry off to a great start

by Ryan Keen

On Sunday, October 26, approximately 130 Saint Joe students were commissioned as Campus Ministry volunteers.

The Campus Ministry is a group of people on campus who do things to help the campus and other communities. Activities include food drives and visits to orphanages, detention centers and shelters. This year the Campus Ministry is in the process of planning a food drive, a Thanksgiving prayer service and a mission trip to Guatemala.

Father Tom Brenberger, C.P.P.S., is the chaplain/coordinator of the Campus Ministry team. Others who play major roles are Sister Linda Cors, C.S.C., Father Denny Kinderman, C.P.P.S., Brother Jerry Hall, C.P.P.S., and student coordinator Roger Lanie. The group is broken up into several smaller groups, such as the Human Understanding Group (H.U.G.), which focuses on topics such as relationships, stress and loneliness, and the Peace and Justice group, which concentrates on the environment, race and human rights.

There are 20 interns or service grant students whose job is to show leadership at the meetings and during the activities.

"Each intern is in charge of a different area," said Fr. Brenberger. "The members meet in their groups and we periodically meet with the interns."

The commissioning is a time when the volunteers come and commit. "It's like asking the Lord for his blessing on our mission," said Fr. Brenberger.

Fr. Brenberger was satisfied with this year's student participation. "I was very pleased," he said. "This year's turnout was about the same as last year's."

The Campus Ministry has always been a part of Saint Joe. "It just sort of evolved," said Fr. Brenberger. "It has been around ever since there have been appointed priests here. The team concept is more recent; the group is more organized than in the past."

Lip-sync act raises questions on campus

by Matthew Nowlin and Diane Hebert

The annual Lip Sync contest was marred with controversy over an act entitled "The Jackson Five", in which several white students portrayed members of the Jackson Five wearing "black face" makeup on their faces.

While the act won second place in the contest, it nonetheless raised an outcry among minority and non-minority students alike. Following the lip sync, students and faculty expressed several opinions.

According to John Rahe, Communications and Theatre Arts professor at Saint Joseph's College, the act was derogatory

and offensive. Rahe said, "It's not the act that they did, it's what that act represented." He added, "I was frankly shocked by it. It did play some role in where I ranked them (in the contest)."

Natalie Schweitzer, the SUB special events chairperson, played down the controversial act. She said, "I don't agree with either side and I think that they should shut up and drop the whole thing right now." Suggesting that the incident was blown out of proportion, she stated, "It's turned into such an issue now that it shouldn't be an issue. It was lipsync. It was not a black versus white. Have fun,

laugh, smile...they looked ridiculous." She added that since there was a black participant in the group (Rob Davis), there really wasn't much of a concern over the incident. While some people believed that there wasn't much of a concern, other students took exception.

Minority Student Union president John Anthony, a junior, said that he believed the intentions of the act's participants were without malice. He feels that the administration should apologize for the event. "I would like an apology, mostly from the administration, for allowing this to happen and to show that they are concerned

about how minorities feel. Personally, an apology would be the first step in showing to me that this administration is concerned with me as a minority individual." This opinion is shared by other minority students as well.

Minority Affairs director Cristina Nuncio has submitted a letter to the editor which will appear in this issue of STUFF, (see pg. 2).

While this incident has raised concerns of cultural relations and sensitivity on campus, for some it may serve as an educational experience. Anthony said, "Use this more as a learning experience of cultural awareness."

Senate president thwarts impeachment

by Norb Grey

Senior political science major Jennifer Herman is Student Association President and not even a special emergency Senate meeting last Wednesday nor a proposed petition by Dorm governor Katey Spence was enough to impeach Herman out of office.

To impeach Herman, a petition signed by 51% of the Senate members would be needed. Then after a 14 day waiting period, the Senate can discuss the petition at which time threefourths of the voting members of that meeting would be needed to force a student body election. After only twothirds vote against Herman by a quorum (50% plus one) of the student body would she have been impeached.

Allegations of impeachment and the call for the emergency meeting stemmed from the regular Senate meeting held on Nov. 4, which Herman was not present because of a prior commitment to the volleyball team which she is a member of. At the Nov. 4 meeting, Spence proposed that a petition be circulated that would begin impeachment proceedings.

"The way things were done made it seem like it was a personal vendetta because of the fact that they brought allegations up when I wasn't there... Both Katey Spence and Brian Patronik (former SA vice-president) spoke on the topic when I wasn't there, and that made it

a personal vendetta.. If it would have been on a professional level, they would have come to me personally, in private or at an Executive Board meeting," said Herman.

"It wasn't a personal vendetta because the whole issue was brought up for the bettering of the Senate. Well, we called for the impeachment of her because Senate did not have any adequate leadership and that's the way a lot of people have been feeling on campus, especially a lot of the Senators who signed the petition," said Spence.

"The whole thing was dumb. It had to be a personal to the extent that they focused on how Jennifer performed her job. Jim Holton and Michelle Crum noted how the whole thing turned on two issues; has Jenny done her job, and if she hasn't, do you want to impeach her because of it," said Senate faculty advisor Brian Simmons. Simmons also stated that the emergency meeting was a chance for Herman to give her side of the story.

At the special meeting, Herman fielded questions from Spence and other Senate members about whether or not she was fulfilling her obligations as SA president. Views differed from one person to the next, but a letdown Spence felt those who had supported her petition to remove Herman from office did not back her at the second meeting.

"No one really said anything, and the way the course of the meeting was going, it was like I was the one who had to give the example. What bothered me is that she was able to turn it around and say that it was just personal issues between her and I, but I know for a fact that other people had problems with her," cited Spence, who also noted that the petition would not be presented to Herman and that the impeachment proceeding were presently dead.

"I wish I didn't have to take the time from my other responsibilities to worry about writing a speech to defend myself. It took away from my studies and SA responsibilities. I had a Student Life Committee meeting yesterday (Nov. 5), and it's difficult when people are stabbing you in the back to get to a meeting," said Herman.

Besides the Impeachment topic, other Senate members tried to piece together whether the current problems dealt with Herman alone, or if there were other external factors that needed to be voiced. Whether or not athletes should be allowed for SA offices and is the Senate lacking communication between its members were both issues addressed.

"We have to think twice about student athletes being elected. Katey was making us aware of that point," said Tia Glass, Lady Puma basketball player and

Halas Second senator. Spence agreed with Glass saying, "Tia thought about running for SA president next year, and she would know that there would be no way to handle it."

Herman denied the fact that being a student athlete dampened her effectiveness as president. "There have been meetings I missed, however, at meetings I missed there is always someone there, somewhere. It's not like it passes me by."

Most Senate members agreed that there needs to be a better system of communications between themselves and the students they represent. Herman also believed that the students need to do their parts in telling their floor senators what they want done on campus.

"I don't take responsibility for the communication of the Senate, I take responsibility that student senators should be aware of what their role is. And maybe we should go back to the idea of the beginning of the year of a new Senate; there should be a meeting defining what their (senators) role is," stated Herman.

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor:

This letter is especially difficult for me to write today because I am mourning the death of my friend and colleague, Brother Jim Mignerey. I'll remember Jim as one of the very few persons on this campus who would listen carefully as I told him of the problems that I was (and still am) encountering in trying to educate members of the College community about minority issues and concerns. As a personal friend and supportive colleague, on numerous occasions we discussed that you must learn to communicate cross-culturally and thereby achieve multi-cultural education. As different as our backgrounds are, we must respect ourselves and each other, and out of this respect, we can then open ourselves to learning about each other.

As I try to overcome my personal loss, I have also been trying to understand the events of the lip sync contest of October 31 and the racial incidents that followed the contest.

How does one explain, rationalize, justify, or "investigate" the use of blackface in 1991? What are the social and moral implications of racial insensitivity on a culturally isolated and racially hostile campus? Do we accept, appreciate and welcome cultural diversity on our campus? Do we respect those who are different from us, or do we merely tolerate them and say "not in my backyard"?

Several members of the Saint Joseph's College community (minority and non-minority members) were offended by the use of blackface by some members of the "Jackson Five" act during the lip sync contest. Although we understand that there was no malice involved in their using blackface, we are concerned about the racial ramifications of this type of "entertainment." We are not speaking about intent,

but rather about outcome. For those who are unfamiliar with this issue and who are saying, "I don't get it, what's the big deal?," let me begin to answer this question by saying that we expect you to be aware that this type of act can be offensive to some people. In light of the potential offensiveness of this kind of act, the sponsors and coordinators of the contest should not have allowed the group to go on stage. In allowing the "Jackson Five" to go on stage, the administration involved in this event enabled some well-intentioned students to act in poor judgment. I reiterate, as a minority and as director of minority affairs, I was offended and hurt. As a member of the administration and part-time faculty member of this college, I am embarrassed that my colleagues showed such poor judgment and poor taste.

For those who are still unable to comprehend why this might have been offensive to some people, let me give you another perspective in the area of multicultural education. The use of blackface in some states is illegal. Furthermore, in some schools where there have been incidents involving blackface, the students engaging in this type of activity were expelled from school. I understand that there is supposed to be an "investigation" of the history of blackface and how it was perceived in the past as being something "degrading" or "demeaning." The point being made here is that there was no malice involved in the "Jackson Five" act and that, therefore, no one should be offended because it was not degrading or demeaning. I have already expressed that we understand that there was no malicious intent, we are saying that the outcome of the mere use of blackface is offensive to some people. The biggest historical difference about the use of blackface in the early 1900s

versus 1991 is that we should know better by now. I am not speaking about racism in this instance, but rather about racial and ethnic insensitivity. The difference between these two terms is intent.

For the past two weeks we have talked about how this can be a learning experience for the college. The educational process with regard to this issue has two sides: those of us who need to educate people about the value and need for cultural diversity, and those of us who must be willing to learn. Let us correct this setback and work together to start the process.

With regard to the racial slurs that occurred after the contest, I understand that people are entitled to their opinion. It is when their opinion offends others and thereby infringes on their liberty as members of this community that this situation becomes both unbearable and totally unacceptable. Part of the educational process will be to try to develop a proactive approach to deter and discourage racial intolerance. Many schools have developed racial harassment policies or human dignity policies. Let us hope that Saint Joseph's College shows the same foresight and begins this process immediately. I am committed to and will work toward overcoming the challenge of racism. It is a challenge to be addressed and overcome by all areas of this college. The first step in the multicultural education process is to learn to accept and respect each other as full members of this community.

I know that my friend Jim would have accepted this challenge and would have enjoyed the learning process. I will miss his insights and his sensitivity. I will miss him.

Sincerely,

Cristina Nuncio
Director of Minority Affairs

Death of faculty member causes reflection

by Matt Nowlin

My thoughts this week can be summed up in the following sentences. With the death of Brother James Mignerey this weekend, the thought of human mortality rings in my head like many church bells. If we as

humans could truly realize our mortality and put into perspective the very short time that we are on this earth, we could attain the sense of responsibility to each other that I believe Christ has asked of us.

Christ called on us to attain a respect of our human dignity and worth. If we could go beyond the outward reminders of hatred and misunderstanding and truly focus on the worth of every individual as a human, we

could attain things that we all think are too idealistic to be possible. This is due to the fact that these very thoughts are the basis for what I see as the key to becoming a peaceful and just society.

To quote from the Bhagavad-Gita. (18.18) Knowledge, the object of knowledge, and the knower are the three factors that motivate action; the senses, the work and the doer are the three constituents of action.

Editorial

The entire world rippled with shock last week when Earvin "Magic" Johnson revealed that he had acquired the H.I.V. virus. AIDS crisis centers across the country were immediately swamped with inquiries and calls from people concerned that they too may have contracted the disease.

Ten years ago, AIDS was believed to be strictly a homosexual disease and by some to be the vengeance of God on that group. Johnson's shocking revelation, that a talented and popular heterosexual male had tested positive for H.I.V., indicates with blunt realism that this is not a disease of any particular group; it is a disease that will eventually effect us all.

AIDS is no longer a gay problem, drug abuser problem or a problem of the few. AIDS is an epidemic disease from every lifestyle and social group. The Center for Disease Control estimates that by century end, nearly 40 million people will have died from the disease. Presently, the entire populations of certain subSaharan countries in Africa are threatened by AIDS and H.I.V..

Our attitudes toward AIDS must change, and change quickly. As Magic Johnson said, it is a disease that can happen to anyone. We must heighten our awareness of the disease and how it is spread and contracted. We must pressure our lethargic government to release additional funding for AIDS research. We must make approval of experimental treatments easier to obtain and available to more of the infected population. Finally, we must eliminate the prejudice we have toward people with the disease.

AIDS is everyone's problem and has become a national and international health crisis. We must react to it now while there is still time left.

Dear Editor:

The Student Union Board would like to recognize the fact that several students were offended by an act at the Lip Sync '91 event, and for this reason we apologize. We are convinced that no one in this group meant harm in what they did and were in no way wishing to mock or be insensitive.

We believe that this group, members of the board, and many members of the audience were legitimately unaware of the insensitivity that was provoked by this act and we suggest that as a campus community we utilize this teachable moment to educate and increase awareness of how insensitivity can be viewed; everyone can grow and benefit from this approach.

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Saint Joe sings the computer blues

by Jackie Leonard and Jason Beres

"We're in an educational institution. We don't need to be on the cutting edge," said Dr. David Chattin concerning modification of the present SJC computer network.

He continued to say that large corporations should remain on the "cutting edge" in the computer field.

However, at a faculty meeting held on Oct. 16, Chattin expressed concerns pertaining to the present need to upgrade the computer network.

The presentation was sparked by a faculty memo from Dr. Don Reichert, in which faculty members were encouraged to compose a departmental "wish list."

In his presentation, Chattin pointed out several areas in which the computer system as a whole needs immediate attention. Chattin said:

"In terms of hardware, the network is limping along. There are no replacements and no money for repair or replacements. Bruce is currently tearing apart good PCs in order to make others work. The two laser printers are being held together by taking parts from the other two laser printers which were struck by lightning last Fall. We used to have four Sun Work Stations for internet, but now we only have two. These are hardware problems and not poor choices in purchasing. New software appearing on the market cannot be used on our net-

works. In some areas we have reached the obsolescence plateau. Some versions of software packages which we use in instruction are no longer being published. We no longer have a maintenance contract for our hardware. Money is earmarked for toner, developer, paper and ribbons. We had the best at the time that money could buy. Our new phone and library systems have taken much money in maintenance costs. We still need to expand the network in Halleck and Schwietermann. We need to update software and update hardware in our long range plans."

Chattin and Bruce Mathew will be outlining a long term plan "on what should be happening in the network," said Chattin.

by Audra Bailey

Saint Joseph's College has a variety of distinctive features which makes it unique among liberal arts colleges in America. The most predominant academic program at St. Joe is the Core Curriculum which unifies a broad range of general education subjects into a meaningful whole.

The Core program is a study of man, his history and present situation, civilizations and developments of different cultures, achievements, and his thoughts upon actuality.

The Core program's newest section is Intercultural Studies, which gives students an inside look on the histories and cultures of Africa, India, China, and Latin America. Lectures, exhibits, performances, and feature-length films are of use for speakers, materials, and styles of presentation.

Students are required to take six credit hours a semester, including a "double Core" where two separate three hour components are needed. This occupies openings for electives related to a specified major or minor.

Reading, writing, and dis-

cussion are accented to develop skills of communication which SJC graduates need to be productive out in the real world.

The Core Curriculum seems to make a well-rounded education, but these advantages may give way to underlying disadvantages. How do SJC students feel about the Core program?

While Eileen Wodda feels that "it's necessary for a well-rounded education other than that of a major", Ryan Perino sees it differently. "I think there's too much reading in Core. Some teachers don't seem to realize that we have other classes."

Teachers brought up another factor in the view of the program. Rob Duckett sees the concept as being excellent, but not as effective as it could be. "All the professors need to get together and create a common curriculum."

Though the Core Curriculum is a lot of hard work, it appears to be seen as a highly regarded quality at Saint Joseph's College. Aaron Addy sums it up as a better understanding of life around the globe. "It gives me a good, common body of knowledge."

Smart drugs give new meaning to "feed your head"



by Kim Patch

Would you take a drug if you thought it could improve your test scores? This was a question asked of Ross Pelton, Ph.D., on NBC's news program, "A Closer Look." The program was titled, "Smart Drugs: Do they really work?"

Pelton, author of the book, *Mind Food and Smart Pills*, believes these drugs can increase your intelligence. Actually a mixture of nutrients and juices, they come in the form of nasal sprays, pills and shakes. Pelton contends that there is research that supports evidence of an increase in memory and learning capabilities, a greater ability to stay alert and an extra boost in creativity.

With all these positive aspects, why aren't more people taking them?

According to Dr. Trace Sunderland of the National Institutes of Mental Health, there is "no proof that these so-called 'smart drugs' work." They have not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration and are available only through mail order. It is against the law for any physician to provide them. Furthermore, these drugs in certain combinations can cause high blood pressure or strokes.

These warnings have not stopped many on the West Coast.

In San Francisco, the newest craze is the creation of the Smart Bar, which serves such drinks as the Mind Mix or the Super-

cognitive Tonic. The drinks, which contain no alcohol, are made of nutrients, juices and herbs, yet you still must be 21 to enter the bar. The cost for one drink runs from \$2.75 to \$3.50, about the same as the price of a cocktail.

The proof of the positive effects of these drugs is minimal, yet certain individuals truly believe in their capabilities.

According to Dr. James McGaud of the University of California, the drugs produce a placebo effect. People believe so deeply in the drug's ability that they actually think it is working. The fact is, it is doing nothing.

So, if you want better test scores, Sunderland offers one word of advice: "study."

Brown visits SJC campus

by Jon Nowlin

Last Monday, Saint Joseph's College played host to Duane Brown, the Clerk of the Supreme and Appellate Courts of Indiana. Brown is the first African-American official in Indiana who was elected to his post. He was on campus to give insight and discuss opportunities and experiences to students interested in law as a profession.

He was educated at Morehouse University and earned his law degree from Columbia Uni-

versity Law School.

Brown fielded questions and gave advice to prospective law school applicants. Among his advice was this word of wisdom: "Do not take the LSAT without taking a prep course." He explained that this would give students a better opportunity to get into a better school and generally start out making a higher salary."

Brown explained that liberal arts educations such as that found at Saint Joseph's College

are best for law school. In addition, he explained what law schools are looking for in prospective students. "They look for people with high moral character and people with accomplishments."

In considering law schools, Brown said that, "Cost, reputation of the school on the state and national level, the student/faculty ratio and where the graduates practice," are all important factors.

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"Communication goes both ways. Consistent communication has been lacking between the officers, however, this is not the fault of any one person. If we are going to learn anything from the last couple of weeks, it's that every administration must have

consistent communication," said SA Secretary Brian Studebaker.

Even though the thought of being impeached will not rest with Herman for a while, she still plans on going about her business as in the same manner as before.

Br. Mignerey succumbs at age 40

by Stuff staff writers

Brother James T. Mignerey, C.P.P.S., died last Sunday in Indianapolis of natural causes. He had a history of heart problems.

Bro. Jim was an assistant professor of communications and theatre arts and had taught at Saint Joseph's College since 1981. An intellectual, he metriculated at the University of Akron, where he was awarded his master's degree in theatre. Earlier this year, he was awarded his doctorate in communications from Kent State University.

A 1974 alumnus of Saint Joseph's College, Bro. Jim was a

well educated man with "a very special blend of creativity, humility and penetrating intelligence," according to a faculty memo from Professor Dorothy Jones.

Bro. Jim had many admirers at Saint Joseph's College. Fr. Dennis Kinderman served as Br. Jim's internship director at a parish in Cincinnati, Oh. In his funeral sermon, Fr. Kinderman said, "Most people who knew Jim didn't just know him. We were all taken in by him. To know Jim was to run the risk of being critiqued and possibly hearing something about yourself...it was good to hear."



AIDS: "A deadly

Damien Center offers education, support

According to a pamphlet produced by the A
'AIDS stands for acquired immunodeficiency
ficiency virus (HIV)-the virus that causes AIDS

by Kim Patch

The Damien Center opened in June of 1987 to offer education, counseling and support to those infected by the HIV virus and their friends and families.

Its programs began through the efforts of public health officials, physicians, the gay community and other interested individuals. In order to avoid the duplication of other AIDS-related organizations, it united the efforts of groups already in existence to provide an organization full of many resources.

The client support programs include case management, medical and dental assistance, financial assistance, legal advocacy, transportation, a Buddy Program, pastoral care, a food pantry and interim housing. To qualify for these programs, clients must contact the Damien Center and arrange an interview with a case worker.

The Center is a non-profit organization funded through state and federal grants, foundation support, various contributions and fund-raisers. The Center functions with a small

paid staff and relies on the help of its 150 volunteers who maintain the program.

The average age of the client at the Center is 35. Eight percent of the clients are women, one percent children, one percent teens and 33 percent black. Ninety percent are between the ages of 18 and 39.

For more information about the Damien Center's services and volunteer program, call: 317/632-0123 or write to: The Damien Center, 1350 North Pennsylvania, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

ACT UP sparks various reactions

by Jonathan Michiels

The mere mention of ACT UP-- an AIDS activist group that recently smashed a condom-filled pinata resembling President Bush with golf clubs at the President's vacation home in Maine --brought strong reactions from two panelists at the AIDS presentation November 4 on the Saint Joseph's College campus.

Alice Edwards, a panelist at the "HIV-AIDS: A Reality in Indiana" program, said that she was uncomfortable with ACT UP and expressed disapproval toward ACT UP's methodology. She said, however, that she completely understood and sympathized with ACT UP's anger. Edwards is an AIDS patient and client at Indianapolis's AIDS clinic, the Damien Center.

Another of the panelists, Reverend Howard B. Warren, Jr., who is the director of pastoral care at the Damien Center and also an AIDS patient himself, vehemently endorsed ACT UP. He said that he was proud to be a paying member of ACT UP and stated that he recently had marched under the banner "Presbyterian ACT UP" at a gay and lesbian rights demonstration in Indianapolis. He explained that the term "Presbyterian ACT UP" was coined by his group to differentiate themselves from the many other ACT UP contingents at the rally.

ACT UP has severely criticized the Roman Catholic Church, as well as some Protestant denominations, for their reactions to the AIDS crisis. On more than one occasion, ACT UP has performed mock-Catholic rituals on the steps of Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, in which hosts have been defiled and church services dis-

rupted in order to call attention to the AIDS dilemma.

Warren expressed his anger with the Church. He differentiated between anger at the Church and anger at God, however, and said that his anger was directed toward an America that called itself Christian while treating AIDS patients as guilty sufferers. The AIDS virus has fallen into the hands of liars, he said, and some Christian fundamentalist groups have used scriptural passages to blame the AIDS plague on its victims. He added that the classification of the sick into the "guilty ill" and the "innocent ill" was un-Christian and pointed out that Jesus never asked people how they had become ill, but merely asked if they needed comforting.

ACT UP adopted the AIDS decree "Silence = Death" as well as the orange triangle for its symbol. Warren explained that the triangle was used in remembrance of the 200,000 gays and lesbians who lost their lives at the hands of the German army during the Holocaust. The symbol was adopted by AIDS activists when the disease was thought to affect only the gay community.

The program "HIV-AIDS: A Reality in Indiana" was sponsored by Campus Life. It was coordinated through Dawn Andres, a Resident Assistant at Justin Hall. The program featured three speakers, all of whom had contracted the AIDS virus: Warren, and Brian Guthrie and Alice Edwards, both clients of the Damien Center. The trio's intention in visiting the Saint Joseph's College campus was to prevent their hearers from acquiring the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome by providing them with additional information.

AIDS can hit close to home

by Merrill Ruggaber

When you learn that someone you have known for 15 years is dying of AIDS, you feel like your heart is being torn out. Night after night, you pray that someone will be able to find a cure for this disease. You wonder why this is happening to such a caring person.

Ty was 15 years old. He had his whole life ahead of him. He was talented, caring and intelligent. He was blessed with a loving family and a way of making people his friends. Ty got along with people of all ages. Adults liked to talk with him because of his intelligence and humor. Children loved him because he was never too busy to listen to their stories about what happened in pre-school or what new trick the dog had learned.

Ty loved living. In high school, he tried his best to get away with anything he could. Borrowing the car was an incredible feat. Considering the way he drove, the fact that he ever got a driver's license surprised everyone in his family.

Ty used his artistic gifts to start an interior decorating business. It became successful and he was living well for such a young man. His life was perfect.

Then he found out that he was HIV-positive. He was only 28 years old.

For the next two years, Ty began to lose weight. He would catch any virus that came along. Somehow, he did his best to keep his spirits up despite the medication and the knowledge that he would die at any time. He was determined to beat his disease.

Ty continued working as long as he could. Then he got pneumonia and was in the hospital for more than a month. Soon his friends heard the news that his fight was over.

Ty died this past summer at the age of 30. Before he died, he was emaciated and in pain. He was put on machines to help keep him alive and was also given pain killers constantly just so he could live in some comfort. He was on so many drugs that he could hardly stay awake when he had visitors.

Every time his family saw him, they felt like crying. They couldn't stand to see him like that, but they kept on coming to visit him.

Ty had made a living will in which he said that, if he had to be put on machines, he would rather die. After much deliberation, Ty's family decided

to take him off the life support system and let him die peacefully.

The church was filled with Ty's family and friends during the funeral. Throughout the service, acquaintances, friends and family mourned their loss. Although he died, Ty's love was all around.

When people find out that celebrities have acquired AIDS, they are stunned and sometimes hurt. When people find out that their friend has AIDS, their feelings cannot be expressed. Ty's family prays every night for those people who have AIDS or are HIV-positive. These people are the true celebrities. The people who can live day to day knowing that their lives will soon be over are the real heroes.

Ty did not die in vain. His death changed the lives of everyone he knew. He has changed their views on sexuality and AIDS.

AIDS is not a disease that happens to a stranger. AIDS touches one-quarter of the people in America in some way. Soon, everyone will know someone who either has AIDS or has died from it. AIDS will affect everyone.

Ty had everything to live for. Now he is dead.



y human virus"

American Red Cross AIDS and HIV are not the same. It says, syndrome. It is a disease caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Therefore, a person that is HIV-positive does not have AIDS.

Catholicism reacts to issue of AIDS

by Lisa Baciu

The social phenomenon of AIDS raises a fundamental theological question. What is the Catholic Church's view toward the AIDS issue?

The answer can be summed up by Paul at Colossae (3:12) in which he says, "...compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."

The U.S. Catholic bishops in 1987 stressed that AIDS, like all other diseases, is a human illness. They advocate a compassionate response and criticize the position that asserts

that AIDS is a direct punishment from God. A 1988 Times Mirror Gallup Poll found that 42.5 percent surveyed thought that AIDS might be a punishment from God for immoral sexual behavior.

Father William Stang, associate professor of biology at Saint Joseph's College, said that the Catholic Church "...does not consider it a punishment from God. It's us hurting ourselves. It's not God reaching down to clobber us."

Along with this idea, the bishops' 1987 statement upholds the guidelines for moral sexual behavior, objecting to homosexuality, but still stressing a loving response to AIDS victims.

"The Church is against promiscuous behavior, but not against human beings," added Fr. Stang. "The Church tries not to make a judgment on how you get AIDS."

Although mixed feelings of hesitation, sympathy and fear exist, the Church encourages people to work to prevent additional suffering for AIDS victims by protecting their human and civil rights and understanding the disease.

"The Church...says that we should do our best for those people who are unfortunate," Fr. Stang said. "Hardships can bring out the best in people. You learn about yourself, the strength inside you, and about other people."

AIDS: To be silent is to die

by Nina Chokshi

"Americans know that AIDS is a humanly, deadly and catchable virus that has become a mountainous stigma in society," said Rev. Howard B. Warren, Jr. the director of pastoral care at the Damien Center, a non-profit agency that provides HIV counseling, education and comprehensive care.

Warren and two others, each of whom has HIV, spoke to SJC students and faculty on November 4 about the disease that is threatening the fabric of American life.

The majority of Warren's speech emphasized the AIDS stigma. "The stigma has created such a silence with AIDS," he said. "We have to realize that here in America, we're fighting a stigma rather than a human virus. We forgot that this is a human virus that attacks everyone. It is destroying people of all sexes, races, economic, religious and social aspects in our soci-

ety. We must not let this stigma shame us into silence!"

Warren explained, "When the first cases of AIDS were reported back in 1981, we knew very little about the virus. The telefundamentalists created a stigma from the lies that they told the media. HIV was a plague sent by God to judge and punish gay men, injection drug users and the refugees from Haiti. In 1985, the major churches in America published the truth about HIV. However, this was too late. This stigma has created fear, anxiety, panic, guilt and shame in victims with AIDS."

Warren concluded by urging everyone to become educated about the HIV virus. "AIDS is no longer predominantly a disease of the homosexual community, the drug users, the poor and the different racial groups. AIDS is affecting everyone. We need to get beyond the human stigma so that intervention can take place."

Saint Joe is not victim to myths

by Mark Ciesielski

AIDS can be prevented if a woman is on the pill. AIDS can be transferred by simple, everyday contact. People have been spreading myths such as these about the AIDS virus for some time now. However, these people have been dangerously misinformed.

The fact of the matter is that the HIV virus that promotes AIDS can be prevented only by abstinence or safe sex and can be transferred only by unprotected sexual contact with someone infected with the virus, by a mother transferring the virus to her unborn child and by sharing drug needles or syringes.

Many people still do not know these facts. They live their lives being misinformed about AIDS. Just how much does the Saint Joseph's College campus know about AIDS? Here are the questions and results of a poll

taken by Saint Joe students.

Can one get AIDS from a handshake or a hug?

Saint Joe results: 100% of the polltakers responded "no."

Accurate answer: No. Simple, everyday contact cannot transfer the AIDS virus.

Can one get AIDS from a cough or sneeze?

Saint Joe results: 100% responded "no."

Answer: No, although there are small traces of the virus in saliva, a cough or sneeze is not believed to carry enough to transmit the virus.

Can one get AIDS from a drinking fountain or a toilet?

Saint Joe results: 9% said one could get AIDS from a drinking fountain, and 12% said it is transferred through toilets.

Answer: No, it is not possible. HIV is transferred only

by unprotected sexual contact or by sharing drug needles or syringes.

Can one get AIDS from a French kiss?

Saint Joe results: 41% said that you could get AIDS from a French kiss.

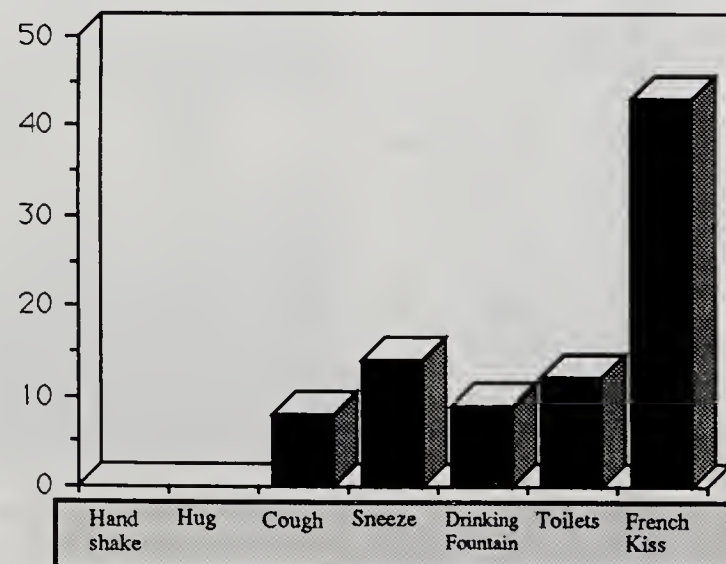
Answer: Like a cough or sneeze, the saliva transferred in a kiss does not contain enough of the virus to spread to others.

Do you think there's any possibility that you could have AIDS?

Saint Joe results: 41% of Saint Joe students believe that it is possible that they could have the AIDS virus.

Answer: According to Rev. Howard Warren, Jr., who spoke to members of the Saint Joe community on November 4, it is estimated that one out of each 450 students on the Saint Joe campus is HIV positive.

Can you get AIDS from the following?





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Recognizing this, the Student Union Board would like to confront this issue head-on with an educational mission. We will be sponsoring a program on multiculturalism and sensitivity issues early next semester and strongly encourage you to attend. We had 400+ people in attendance at Lip Sync '91. Let's show our willingness to learn about all sensitivity issues (race, gender, religious, sexual, etc.) by supporting this program with your presence, also. Watch for more details on this program!

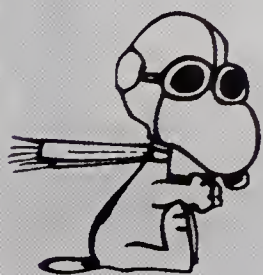
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B-52 mixup
doesn't fly

In the last issue, Dave Schneider's name was incorrectly listed as Fred Schneider. The editor regrets any misunderstanding caused by the omission.



Sorry

Shooters close out season with optimism

by Jason Beres

The Saint Joseph's College men's soccer team concluded the 1991 fall campaign at The Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament at Southern Indiana University in Evansville. The Pumas lost in first round competition to SIU, 5-1, concluding their season with a 6-12-3 mark. SIU went on to capture the conference title.

The score was tied 1-1 with thirty minutes remaining, when SIU turned on the juice. Sophomore Ken Benich scored the Pumas' lone goal in ironic fashion, since it was the first time that a Saint Joe player has ever

scored in the history of these two teams' competition.

SIU has gained a berth to affiliate their soccer program at a Division I level, and has won the GLVC tournament several times in recent years.

The Pumas will remain in the GLVC, but have many things to look forward to for the 1992 season. Next year's team will feature the identical starting lineup, unless a freshman recruit happens to break into the ranks. Only four seniors will graduate from this year's corps, meaning that the Pumas will have an ample supply of experience and youth, and hopefully

will gain some additional raw talent from incoming freshmen.

Next year's goals seem attainable if not inevitable, if one considers this year's performance in the second half of the season. The Pumas compiled a 5-4-3 record over the second half of the season, using a totally and drastically revamped lineup, which saw former fullback and sophomore Mike VanZweiten lead the team with 13 points, followed by sophomore Shawn Hurst with eleven.

According to Shawn Hurst and John Holton, The Pumas will be seeking to get at least a regional ranking, if not national,

at the Division II level, and to win the GLVC. They will be playing a less tenuous non-conference schedule next season, and should be able to score at least a few more tallies in the win column with an established team chemistry and year of experience under their belts.

They will be working hard to reach those goals. During the off-season, the Pumas have intrasquad scrimmage twice a week, and starting last Wednesday, have incorporated a weightlifting program, which meets three times a week, into the regimen.

Harriers brave weather; finish strong

A SJC NEWS RELEASE

The Great Lakes Valley Conference proved again Saturday why they are considered to be the best conference in Division II. The men's and women's NCAA Division II Regional Cross Country champs were both members of the GLVC. The University of Southern Indiana won the men's race with 61 points and Ashland University won the women's race with 62 points.

The course was treacherous, to say the least, with 1.5 inches

of snow on the course and a nice layer of ice over the snow. This, to go along with a hilly course to start out with.

Saint Joseph's College men's team finished 18th out of 20 teams, and the Lady Pumas ran a very respectful 13th out of 20 competing teams.

"I am very proud of both teams," head coach Bill Massoels said. "We had a very good year all season, and although our places were not great, each and every runner ran a great

race and gave me 100 percent all year long."

Matt Logue, a junior from Pittsburgh State, won the men's race in a time of 32:47, followed by GLVC champ, Will Wiley with a time of 32:57.

Tim Gorrell paced the Pumas, finishing 55th in a time of 35:13. Herb Dresbaugh was 95th (36:33), Todd Troxel finished 100th (36:40), Craig Fee was 107th (36:58), Chris Fitzgerald came in 118th (37:43), Ryan Keen was 126th (38:26)

and Pete Bradley was 133rd (39:42).

"This team is very young with six of the top seven being freshmen," Massoels said. "I am very excited about the future. If we can land a few strong recruits we are going to be a strong team down the road."

The women's winner was also a junior from Pittsburgh State. Christie Allen ran the 5,000 meter course in 18:42, leading from start to finish.

Tracy Matuga capped a great season for the Lady Pumas, finishing 35th in a time of 21:01. "Matuga has been the team's number one runner all season, and has a very bright future ahead of her."

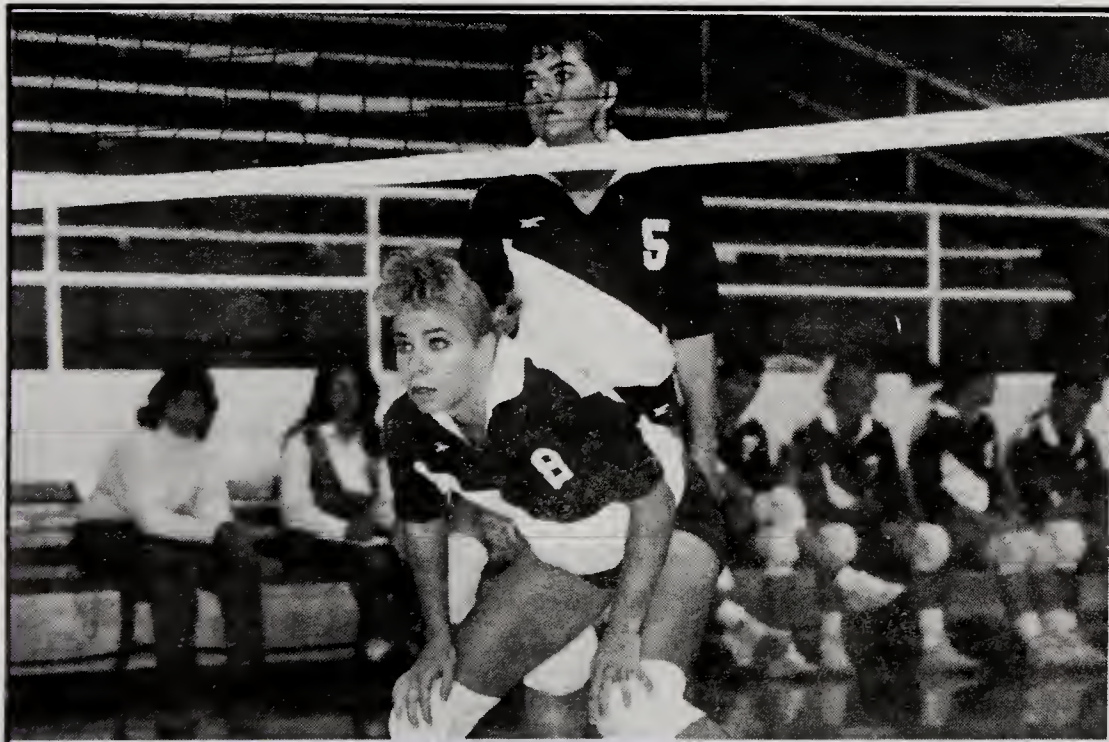
Tracy came to SJC with only one year of cross country experience, but she has run all year long like a cagey veteran," Massoels said. "She has the potential to be an all-conference runner over the next three years."

Saint Joe's strength does not stop at Matuga. Lisa Perez had a very good year as did Maureen Goeddeke. Perez finished 49th (21:30) and Goeddeke was 69th with a time of 22:23.

Laura McCarthy was 100th (23:39), Virginia Johnson was 115th (25:34) and Heather Groom was 119th (26:00) for the Lady Pumas.

"We have everyone coming back next year," Massoels said. "With another good recruiting year, we can battle with the big people at conference next year."

Saint Joe's men's team finished 45-44-1 on the year and the women were 57-35-1.



Jason Stankewicz

Volleyballers Pam Nobbe (5) and Ann Kaminski (8) anticipate the opposing serve in their contest vs. St. Xavier Nov. 6. Related story on p. 7.

Louisiana voters choose: Duke or crook?

by Mike Burns

Are Louisiana voters in a no-win situation this Saturday, November 16? Is there a candidate worth voting for in the state's gubernatorial election?

Republican David Duke's actions and "past" beliefs have been well-chronicled in the press. He says he has become a born-again Christian and regrets his days as a Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan; also, his affiliation with the Nazi Party is a thing of the past and it does not reflect his current beliefs.

In 1987, Duke was arrested along with 54 others for disrupting a civil rights march in Forsyth County, Georgia. In 1989, Duke was photographed shaking hands with the vice chairman of the American Nazi Party.

On Monday a dirt-throwing crowd, yelling "Nazi", rushed Duke's car and caused him to rush into the television studio he was stopping at.

"I wish they would take me for my word that I repudiate my past," Duke said.

Does Duke's facelift reflect an inner change of heart or is he trying to gain votes with a photogenic look? Do Louisiana voters think he has changed his opin-

ions? What effect will the voting have on United States citizens outside of Louisiana?

The first indication may come the day after the election and it concerns a college football team from Indiana. USA Today's Danny Sheridan says, "Notre Dame is going to the Sugar Bowl (in New Orleans) unless David Duke gets elected Louisiana governor on Saturday." Bowl bids will go out to college teams on Sunday, November 17, the day following the election.

The National Football League picked Phoenix as the site of the 1993 Super Bowl after the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday was voted down in Arizona. Rumor has the NFL foregoing any future commitment to hold the Super Bowl in New Orleans if Duke is elected governor.

Samuel DuBois Cook, president of Dillard University, an historically black private institution, told The Chronicle of Higher Education that: "The election of David Duke will be an absolute disaster for higher education and the entire state. It will affect tourism. It will affect our ability to attract industry. But in general I don't

think the people of Louisiana understand that."

President George Bush's candidate of choice, incumbent Buddy Roemer, was knocked out in the primary election. Bush refers to Duke as a "charlatan" and is strongly opposed to his candidacy. In The Christian Science Monitor on November 8 it was reported that "President Bush reluctantly conceded he would vote for Duke's liberal Democratic opponent for governor if he lived in Louisiana. 'What's the choice, man?'" Bush said.

The opponent facing Duke is Edwin Edwards. He is a three-term governor of Louisiana who was defeated by Roemer in 1987. Many of Edwards' votes will be in fact, anti-Duke votes. Groups that have aligned themselves with Edwards are environmentalists, reformers, and women's groups.

Bill Nichols writes in Tuesday's USA Today that Edwards has gained "the image of 'Fast Eddie,' a sleazy Romeo who'd stop at nothing to enrich his cronies." His wife divorced 'the playboy' in 1989, after 40 years of marriage. He has been in-

dicted twice for corruption in office.

Nichols writes, "In 1985 he was tried for collecting \$2 million for using his influence while out of office to win hospital and nursing home permits, then calling for a freeze on permits once he was back in." There was a hung jury in the 1985 trial, and he was acquitted of permit corruption charges in 1986.

Saint Joseph's College student and resident of Louisiana, Virginia Johnson, states: "David Duke couldn't live long enough to commit all the atrocities that Edwin Edwards has so far."

Edwards once said while on the witness stand: "I do not collect stamps...coins, racehorses; I do not own boats. I like to gamble and when I lose I like to pay."

Voter apathy does not seem to be a likely factor in this election. Thus far the contest has produced a record number, 75,859, of absentee ballots.

Of the already returned ballots, 52,212 have been by Democrats, 17,744 by Republicans, and 5,903 by others.

63,558 ballots have been returned by whites, 11,973 by blacks, and 328 by other races.

Schedule

November Sports

- 16 Football vs. Ferris State, 12:30 pm.
- 22 Women's Basketball at SIE Tournament
- Men's Basketball vs. Trinity
- 23 Women's Basketball at SIE Tournament
- 29-30 Women's Basketball at Winona State Invitational

December Sports

- 3 Women's Basketball vs. IUPUI, 7 pm.
- Men's Basketball at Grand Valley State
- 10 Women's Basketball at Huntington
- Men's Basketball vs. Purdue-Calumet
- 14 Men's Basketball at IUPUI
- 21 Men's Basketball at Quincy College
- 27-28 Men's Basketball at Purdue-Calumet Tournament

Lady Pumas drive spikes through St. Xavier volleyballers

A SJC NEWS RELEASE

Saint Joseph's College women's volleyball team routed Saint Xavier Wednesday night at Alumni Fieldhouse 15-3, 15-8, 15-8 to improve their record to 7-24 on the year.

"We totally dominated this match," head coach Linda Deno said. "We came out with the intensity and hustle that we have

been lacking most of the season."

The Lady Pumas had a great deal of support from the entire team on Senior night at the College. Sue Sesek had 13 attacks, 10 kills, six blocks and two serving aces. Jenny Herman, an all-conference member last year, had 13 attacks and eight kills. Lisa Baciuc chipped

in with 10 attacks and seven kills. Ann Kaminski, the leader in serving percentage in the GLVC, continued to dominate in that area with 16 serves and three aces, to go along with five attacks and four kills. Pam Nobbe had 15 serves with two aces, and had 50 assists.

"Our defense tonight both at the net and backcourt was out-

standing. We totally shut down their offense and offensively we kept them so confused by everyone getting involved and putting the ball down aggressively," Deno said.

Michelle Heck, a defensive specialist, had 12 digs. Tara Foldenauer chipped in with four blocks, and Mary Pat Schreiber had 11 serves and one ace.

Gridiron glory enjoyed by Puma squad

by Jon Nowlin

If every great sports story has a comeback in it, then the Saint Joseph's College Puma football team's performance at Northern Michigan University will certainly make for some good reading.

With a seven point deficit going into the fourth quarter, the score of 21-14 casted a shroud over the lately-winning Pumas. It looked like it was curtains for our flight-weary grid-

ding on the timex. Vince Purichla lofted a bullet to Jim Compliant for a 31 yard touchdown reception, which, along with the point after, tied up the score.

The next two NMU possessions were held by the effective Puma defensive unit.

The next Puma drive could be best described as a ground assault, as no passes were thrown. Harry Vinegar, who has been simply outstanding this year, commenced the drive with a seven yard sprint. After 13

more plays, Lance Layhew barreled into the endzone to give the Pumas the go-ahead.

The final test of the day to the squad was directed at the defense. The Wildcats, with one last chance to tie up the match, returned the kickoff for 36 yards to the Puma 47. During the next few plays, the Wildcats gained another 22 yards. The defense rose to the occasion and sacked NMU quarterback Nick Bink,

who scrambled like a fish out of water, for a three yard loss which set up the crucial fourth and 7 play. The Wildcats sent their star running back, Nelson Edmonds, straight up the middle. Only gaining a yard, Edmonds was clocked by Aubrey McCoy and Scott Evans.

"This game was like deja-vu from last year," stated Coach Reagan. "Northern Michigan to the seven yard line and then our defense had another great goal line stand to stop them."

Game standouts included Lance Layhew, who had two TD's, and Harry Vinegar, who racked up over 200 yards. Vinegar was the first Puma to ever rush for over 200 yards since Rory Johnson in 1987.

The Pumas will be hosting Ferris State on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. It will be Senior Day, and all 22 senior gridgers will be honored for their commitment to the program over the past four years. Come out and see some excitement...the Pumas sure have had their share!!!!



Furs' "World Outside" centers on obsessions

by Jason Hyde

"World Outside," the Psychedelic Furs' highly acclaimed eighth album, demonstrates the band's originality and emotional depth.

Singer/songwriter Richard Butler has properly called "World Outside" a very personal album. Unlike the Furs' last effort, "Book of Days," which explored a number of topics like religion, family and life in general, the new album focuses on relationships.

Every song on "World Outside" relates the pain of a relationship gone wrong. "Valen-

tine" and "Don't Be A Girl" rather obviously hint at a love torn apart by jealousy, while "Tearing Down" and "There's A World" are more complex, bitter laments about the aftermath of a breakup. When Butler sings about "tearing down your hollow heart," and "I can almost feel you bleed," he implies a deeply rooted, somewhat disturbing resentment on his part.

Another recurring theme on the album is the possessive/obsessive nature of some relationships. In his own evasive way, Butler has said that the first single, "Until She Comes," is a

song about addiction to a person rather than a substance. The same could be said of "Better Days," another song that implies that obsession may be the concept at the heart of this album.

Through this twisting maze of pain, agony, guilt and sorrow, the Psychedelic Furs complement Butler's sometimes oblique lyrics with music that is sometimes harsh and sometimes relaxing. The addition of three new members has considerably fleshed out the band's sound. The result sounds like their most unified work since 1981's "Talk,

Talk, Talk." However magnificent the music may be, the focal point of this album, as always, is Richard Butler's words. This time, they seem less surreal than on previous albums. This does help to clarify the meanings behind the songs, but destroys some of the challenge usually found in the band's work.

"World Outside" is yet another very great album from the Psychedelic Furs. It will probably prove too thematic and depressing for mainstream acceptance, but longtime fans have already praised it as being among the band's best works.

Nirvana: "Nevermind" the teen mainstream

by Jon Nichols

In a music world that is dominated by songs like "Ice Ice Baby" or "O.P.P.," a little originality once in a while is nice. And originality has come howling like a cold wind out of the forests of Washington. This cold wind goes by the name of Nirvana.

Nirvana is an underground band whose debut album, "Nevermind," has piqued the public's interest due to exposure by members of other rock groups. Most notably, Nikki Sixx of Motley Crue and Kirk Hammett of Metallica have each publicly praised Nirvana. "They're simply the best band that I've heard in a while," said Sixx on a recent MTV interview. "They're not really a new band, but they're breaking a lot of new ground. Just like Jane's Addiction or the Red Hot Chili Peppers."

The sound contained on "Nevermind" is what is starting to be called "The Seattle Sound." Possible examples of this would be Queensryche or Alice in Chains. It is music that tends to sound like the gloomy, rainy weather of the Northwest in which it is conceived.

Nirvana is composed of three

members: Kurt Cobain (vocals/guitars), David Grohl (drums), and Chris Novoselic (bass). From the beginning of the album, the songs kick you in the teeth and you begin to wonder how it could be done by just three people. After listening to the entire album, the unique quality of Nirvana is readily apparent.

"Smells Like Teen Spirit," the first single off of "Nevermind," is a prime example of this. The song is powerful and cries of the absurdity that is high school. It is no wonder then that the subject of many of Nirvana's songs is the apathy of our generation. This theme is also evident in songs such as "Lithium" and "Something in the Way."

With a hit MTV video and a number one College album, it looks as if things can only get better and that Nirvana will only get bigger. Is the group enjoying its success? Novoselic had this to say:

"I see our album selling, and I wonder if people are really listening to what we're saying. I mean, most people don't know what's going on in the world. They'd rather go get drunk somewhere."

Well, as Nirvana says, "I feel stupid and contagious."



MURPH →

Murph will perform in the Halleck Ballroom Friday at 9 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

November:

Murph-Nov. 15 at 9 p.m. in the Halleck Center ballroom.

December:

Christmas Tree Decorating Party/ Contest- Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. in front of the ballroom.

Student Association Elections- Dec. 4.

Halas/Justin Christmas Formal- Dec. 7.

Senior Champagne Breakfast- Dec. 11.

Dear Jane

Dear Jane,

I am having a slight problem with my roommate. I think that he might be homosexual. I don't have a real problem with that, but I am a little bit curious about it. Should I go right up and ask him? Should I wait to see if he tells me? I need help.

SLIGHTLY CURIOUS

Dear SLIGHTLY CURIOUS,

This is a tough question to answer. I would wait and see if your roommate tells you. Try to bring up the subject of homosexuality and see what his views are. I would not go up and just ask him. If he is homosexual he could be very sensitive about it and you may only hurt him by asking.

The American Psychological Association considers homosexual behavior to be as healthy as heterosexual behavior (the key word here is "behavior"). However, since you do not have a problem with homosexuals and you are just curious, I would give it time. You will eventually get your question answered if you are not too pushy about the subject. Remember, curiosity killed the cat!

A mailbox for "Letters to Jane" is located in the lobby outside the Auditorium. Anonymity is guaranteed!

